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Sreeramulu Naidu Park, Madras

* 241 *Q.*—Sri S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : }
Sri K. VINAYAKAM : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to convert the Sreeramulu Naidu Park in the City of Madras into a stand for lorries (public carriers) and for cars?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : The Traffic Committee recommended that the Sreeramulu Naidu Park in Loans Square may be converted into a car and lorry stand. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this Park is not now used for Park purposes, but it is being haunted by idlers and so, will the Government take immediate steps to have it converted, abolishing the park, as a place for parking lorries, etc.?

Mr. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister said that Government were considering that. Next question.

Profession tax

* 242 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : }
Sri S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received a resolution of the Corporation of Madras for the exemption of profession tax on persons drawing Rs. 100 and Rs. 200 per month; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) The Corporation Council in its resolution, dated 6th January 1959 requested the Government to issue a direction under the Madras City Municipal Act reducing the rates of profession tax in the case of certain income groups and retaining the old rates of taxes for the persons with a monthly income of Rs. 100–200 per mensem. There was no request for exemption.

(*b*) As the financial position of the Corporation of Madras is not satisfactory and as it requires more money to carry out its schemes of municipal administration, the proposal of the Corporation was not approved. The Corporation was informed that the existing rates of profession tax may be allowed for two or three years more and that the position may be reviewed thereafter.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know the total loss of revenue to the Corporation by giving such exemption?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I want a separate question, Sir.